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15 December 1949

MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Director, ORE

SUBJECT: Excerpts from the Progress Report of October 7th
to the NSC

Supplementing telephone calls. The pertinent excerpt from the October 7th report to the Executive Secretary of the NSC reads as follows:

1. Paragraph 2 of the above mentioned reference (memo, July 8 from NSC to DCI) and Section 6 of NSC 50 call for a report to the NSC in 90 days our progress towards implementation of the recommendations on organization in Section 6 of NSC 50.

2. I am now able to report on these recommendations as follows:

(1)

(2) With reference to the second factor in the organization about creating a small Estimates Division and a Research and Reports Division for recognizing fields of common interest, it is believed that other methods of organization will accomplish the same concept and objectives. It is thought that good estimates can be obtained only when closely tied in with research. Plans for some reorganization within ORE are now being drawn up with this view in mind.

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The Director would now like to send over to the NSC, details elaborating upon Paragraph 2(2) quoted above from the October 7th report to which the Under Secretary of State has written a memorandum dated December 13 to the NSC, copies of which are attached herewith. Please note that the attached copies are the Director's so should be returned.

The transmitting memorandum dated December 14 from the NSC to the DCI states: "In accord with the suggestion of the Under Secretary of

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State in the last paragraph of his memorandum (enclosure to reference A.) it is requested that a further report be submitted to the National Security Council on the organization it is planned to adopt in furtherance of paragraph 6 of NSC 50 when that has been determined, including a review of other steps contemplated to achieve the objectives outlined in paragraph 5 of NSC 50."

The Director, however, wishes to add this on to the report called for in Section 4 c. 2. of NSC 50 rather than submit a separate report about "Estimates Division" so prompt information would be appreciated.

PRESCOTT CHILDS, Chief
Coordination, Operations
and Policy Staff

Enclosure:

Memo from NSC to DCI
dated 14 Dec. '49.

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